



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**  
**PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**



**Excerpts from the Minutes of the 201<sup>st</sup> PCSD Regular Meeting**  
**held at the Session Hall of Sangguniang Panlalawigan Building**  
**Fernandez Street, Puerto Princesa City**  
**August 2, 2013**

**Present:**

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| 1. | Gov. Jose Chaves Alvarez, Provincial Governor             | Chairman      |
| 2. | Vice Gov. V. Dennis M. Socrates, Sangguniang Panlalawigan | Vice Chairman |
| 3. | Dir. Romeo B. Dorado, OIC-Executive Director, PCSDS       | Secretary     |
| 4. | Usec Ernesto D. Adobo, Jr., Undersecretary, DENR          | Member        |
| 5. | Hon. Lucilo R. Bayron, City Mayor, Puerto Princesa City   | Member        |
| 6. | Hon. Ramon Zabala, Liga ng mga Barangay                   | Member        |
| 7. | PS/Supt Atanacio T Macalan Jr, PNP Provincial Director    | Member        |

**Represented:**

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| 8.  | Dep. Dir. Gen. Margarita R. Songco, NEDA<br>Represented by Mr. Bernardo Atienza, Jr.                 | Member |
| 9.  | Asec. Edilberto M. de Luna, Assistant Secretary, DA<br>Represented by Dr. Elmer D. Castillo          | Member |
| 10. | LtGen Rustico O Guerrero AFP, Commander, WESCOM<br>Represented by Col. Emmanuel B Salamat PN(M)(GSC) | Member |

**Absent:**

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| 11. | Hon. Andrew L. Ong, League of Municipalities | Member |
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**PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 13-474**

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**“CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
RECTIFYING THE ENVIRONMENTALLY CRITICAL AREAS  
NETWORK (ECAN) ZONING MAP WITHIN THE PROPERTY OF MR.  
ROLANDO OLA FROM CORE ZONE TO TRADITIONAL USE ZONE  
WITH AN AREA OF EIGHT THOUSAND (8,000) SQUARE METERS  
LOCATED AT PANGULASIAN ISLAND, BARANGAY BEBELADAN, EL  
NIDO, PALAWAN”**

**WHEREAS**, the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan or R.A. 7611 which took effect on 19 June 1992 provides that the SEP shall serve as the framework to guide the government agencies concerned in the formulation of plans, programs and projects affecting the environment and natural resources of Palawan and in the management of the environment towards sustainable development;

*“PCSDS: Working together towards sustaining the future.”*

**WHEREAS**, Section 7 of R.A. 7611 provides that the SEP shall establish a graded system of protection and development control over the whole of Palawan, including its tribal lands, forests, mines, agricultural areas, settlement areas, small islands, mangroves, coral reefs, seagrass beds and the surrounding sea known as the Environmentally Critical Areas Network (ECAN);

**WHEREAS**, Section 9 of the SEP law requires the core zone to be fully and strictly protected and maintained free of human destructions. Such core zone includes "... natural forests and areas above 1000 meters elevation." among others;

**WHEREAS**, a parcel of land cultivated and planted with cashew comprising around 1.8 hectares at Pangulasian Island, Bgy. Bebeladan, El Nido, Palawan, verified to be owned/occupied by a certain Mr. Rolando Ola was designated as Core Zone in the LGU-adopted ECAN zones map of the Municipality of El Nido, Palawan. The ECAN map was prepared through the Sustainable Environmental Management Plan for Northern Palawan (SEMP-NP);

**WHEREAS**, upon learning that the said parcel of land is located within the core zone, Mr. Rolando Ola requested the Local Government Unit (LGU) of El Nido to rectify the ECAN zoning of his property. The LGU later referred the matter to PCSD Staff for comments;

**WHEREAS**, upon request of the LGU for the conduct of field verification and validation of the subject area, a field validation of Pangulasian Island was jointly undertaken by the LGU, El Nido-PAMB, PCSDS and Mr. Ola on January 28-30, 2013. The initially recommended area for zone rectification is about 0.8 hectare (8,000 sq.m.), which is being recommended for downgrading as Traditional-use Zone. The subject area was found to be mainly planted with cashew, below 50 meters above sea level, flat to rolling and having a beach front of about 20 meters long;

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Bayan of El Nido, Palawan adopted Resolution No. 13-11, series 2013, entitled "A Resolution rectifying portion of ECAN Zones Map located at Pangulasian Island, Barangay Bebeladan, El Nido, Palawan with Tax Declaration No. 3050482A having an area of approximately 8,000 sq.m. owned by Mr. Rolando Ola;

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Barangay of Bebeladan, El Nido, Palawan passed on June 10, 2013 Barangay Resolution No. 05-2013, series 2013 endorsing and posing no objection the rectification of ECAN map from Core Zone to Traditional-use Zone of 8, 224 sq.m. lot property owned by Mr. Rolando Ola located at Pangulasian Island, Barangay Bebeladan;

**WHEREAS**, OIC CENRO Florencio C, Diaz issued on 17 August 2005 that Mr. Rolando Ola is the actual occupant or possessor of a parcel of land located in Pangulasian, Bgy. Bebeladan, El Nido, Palawan. He further certified that the said area has no other existing conflict; that same area falls within Unclassified Public Forest;

**WHEREAS**, several certifications from current and passed barangay captains of Bebeladan, issued from 1986 to 2011 attested to the claim/occupation/ownership of Mr. Rolando Ola of the aforementioned parcel of land in Pangulasian, Bgy. Bebeladan, El Nido, Palawan;

**WHEREAS**, after due community consultation headed by the Committee on Environment of the Sangguniang Bayan of El Nido, the elders of Bgy. Bebeladan, El Nido issued a certification attesting that the subject property is owned by Mr. Rolando Ola;

**WHEREAS**, to give due course to the LGU request, as field validation and verification conducted by the PCSD Staff proved that the area of 8,000 sq.m. is currently occupied and developed by Mr. Rolando Ola, the request to downgrade the subject area from core zone to traditional-use zone was granted by the Executive Committee on May 31, 2013;

WHEREAS, pursuant to PCSD Resolution No. 99-138, the above action of the Executive Committee requires the confirmation of the council *en banc* in its next regular meeting;

WHEREFORE, upon motion duly seconded, be it resolved to as it is hereby resolved, to confirm as it is hereby confirmed the action of the Executive Committee rectifying the ECAN zoning map within the property of Mr. Rolando Ola from core zone to traditional use zone with an area of eight thousand square meters (8,000 sq m) located at Pangulasian Island, Barangay Bebeladan, El Nido, Palawan”

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished the agencies concerned for their information and appropriate action.

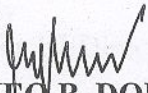
ADOPTED and APPROVED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2013 in Puerto Princesa City.

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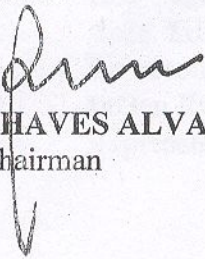
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I hereby certify to the correctness and accuracy of the above-quoted resolution.

  
ROMEO B. DORADO  
Secretary

ATTESTED:

  
JOSE CHAVES ALVAREZ  
PCSD Chairman